

# **A Proposed RSDA Scheme to Defence Attacks in Wireless Ad Hoc Networks**

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**Abstract-** Performance and Security are two critical functions of Wireless Ad-Hoc Networks (WANETs). Network security ensures the integrity, availability, and performance of WANETs. It helps to prevent critical service interruptions and increases economic productivity by keeping networks functioning properly. Since there is no centralized network management in WANETs, these networks are susceptible to packet drop attacks. In selective drop attack, the neighboring nodes are not loyal in forwarding the messages to the next node. It is critical that the illegitimate node must be identified, which overload the host node and isolate them from the network by holding its transmission process. In this paper, we present a Resistive to Selective Drop Attack (RSDA) scheme to provide effective security against selective drop attack. A light weight RSDA protocol is proposed for detecting malicious nodes in the network under particular drop attack. The RSDA protocol can be integrated with the many existing routing protocols for WANETs such as AODV and DSR. It accomplishes reliability in routing by disabling the link with the highest weight and authenticate the nodes using the Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA).

**Keywords:** Wireless Ad-Hoc Networks, Resistive to Selective Drop Attack (RSDA), Network Security, Elliptic Curve Digital Signature Algorithm (ECDSA).

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Wireless Ad-Hoc Networks(WANETs) [1] decentralized nature makes suitable for a different type of applications where central nodes cannot be trusted on and may progress the scalability of networks linked to wireless networks, through practical and theoretical confines to the overall size of such networks have been recognized. Minimal configuration and quick deployment make ad hoc networks suitable for emergencies like natural military or disasters conflicts. The existence of adaptive and dynamic routing protocols enables ad hoc networks to be formed quickly. Their applications can further classify wireless Ad-hoc networks. Like Vehicular ad hoc networks (VANETs) [2], Mobile ad hoc networks (MANETs), Smartphone Ad-hoc networks (SPANs) [3], Wireless mesh networks [4] and so on. The packet drop attack [5] can frequently be used to attack WANETs. Wireless networks have much different architecture than that of a typical wired network; a host can broadcast that it has the shortest

path towards a destination. By doing this, all traffic will be directed to the host that has been compromised, and the host can drop packets at will [6]. Also, over a mobile ad-hoc network, hosts are especially vulnerable to collaborative attacks where multiple hosts will become compromised and deceive the other hosts on the network [7]. The RSDA protocol can provide resistance to selective drop attacks by thwarting the nodes from getting overloaded. It attains reliability in routing using the reliable factor by disabling the link as defective or by obtaining a new efficient route to the destination.

To address the selective drop attack [5], a reliable factor is chosen by computing the list of link weights. If the sum of the weight of a particular route is high, e.g., it indicates that the low reliability [8], the attacking node can be identified. Each node maintains its own weight; the obtained weight is added to the route request payload. By computing the reliability rate, malicious nodes can be distinguished from other normal nodes.

The RSDA protocol has been designed to offer resistance to selective drop attacks by thwarting the nodes from getting overloaded. It attains reliability in routing using the reliable factor by disabling the link as defective or by obtaining a new efficient route to the destination. This paper contributes mainly discussed study on Wireless Ad Hoc Networks and their issues related security perception. A review on various protocols is there to dealing selective drop attack in WANET. A light weight RSDA protocol has been proposing for detecting malicious nodes in the network under selective drop attack. The RSDA protocol can be integrated with the many existing routing protocols for WANET such as AODV and DSR. An efficient cryptographic technique ECDSA has been chosen for providing authentication which has a lesser key size however it provides similar security. Finally, it achieves extremely Network security ensures the integrity, availability, and performance enhanced using RSDA for WANET.

## **2. RELATED WORK**

In [13] the author, proposed the soft security mechanism as a fully distributed trust-based public key management technique for MANET. Instead of using hard security approaches to eliminate security vulnerabilities, as in the case of traditional security techniques their work aimed at maximizing the performance by relaxing security requirements focusing on the perceived trust. A Composite Trust-based Public Key Management (CTPKM) was proposed to maximize the performance by mitigating the vulnerabilities. A trusted threshold was fixed with each node to decide whether to trust another node or not.

In [14] the author, proposed a security framework named Resilience Evaluation Framework for Ad Hoc routing protocols (REFRAHN) based on the insertion of malicious faults and

quantitatively evaluated their effect on routing protocols. The primary goal of REFRAHN is to (i) minimize the uncertainty in the sources while deploying ad hoc routing protocols, (ii) devise fault-tolerant mechanisms that tackle and reduce such problems, and (iii) compare and choose the routing protocol that optimizes the robustness and performance of the network. Methodological aspects regarding fault injection in routing protocols have been extensively analyzed.

In [15] the author, proposed a robust and distributed access control mechanism depending on a trust model for securing the network and encouraging good cooperation by isolating misbehaving nodes in the network. The access control responsibility is viewed in two different contexts namely the local and global. In the local context responsibility, the neighbor nodes are intimated to notify about the suspicious behavior of the global context. While the global context examines the gathered information, a decision would be made to penalize the malicious node using a voting scheme. It was experimentally proven that the combination of voting, trust schemes offered a precise, accurate classification and node exclusion mechanism even in scenarios of limited monitoring.

In [16] the author, described the ad hoc network would function well only if the nodes are trustworthy and good cooperating. A dynamic trust prediction model is presented for evaluating the trustworthiness of nodes depends on nodes historical behavior and future behavior by using extended fuzzy logic rules. Moreover, the proposed trust prediction model is combined into a source route mechanism. The novel technique named Trust-based Source Routing protocol (TSR) [17] offers a flexible, feasible approach for choosing the shortest path by meeting the security requirement of packet transmission. TSR improves packet delivery ratio and reduces average end-to-end latency by conducting more experiments in malicious node detection and attack resistance.

The RSDA protocol has been proposed to offer resistance to selective drop attacks by thwarting the nodes from getting overloaded. It attains reliability in routing by disabling the link as defective or attempts to obtain a new efficient route to the destination. RSDA provides an effective security for selective drop attack. The attacker nodes can potentially drop the throughput of a host to the minimum level, and those nodes have been detected based on ECDSA [11]. The lightweight solution to selective drop attack has been provided by proposing RSDA protocol resists selective drop attacks by preventing the nodes from getting overloaded. Reliability is achieved in routing by rendering the link as defective or attempts to acquire an efficient route to the destination. RSDA assists in maximizing the performance by mitigating the vulnerabilities and defend well in the presence of selective drop attack.

### 3. PROPOSED WORK

#### A) System Model

The figure-1 illustrate the system model for this proposed system as follows

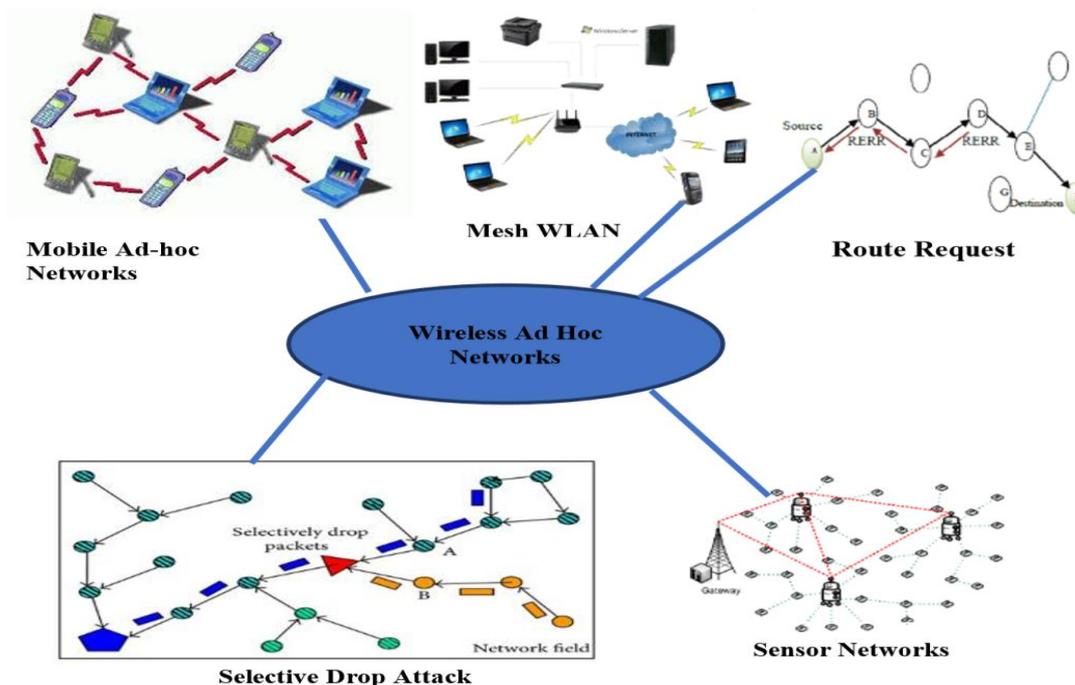


Fig. 1. System Model for Wireless Ad-Hoc Networks (WANETs)

*This system model consists and implements the following modules:*

**Source:** In this module, Source browse the file, select the destination and sends to the router. In Source while uploading the file, encrypt and then uploads the file. File content will be initialized to all the nodes.

**Router:** In this module, router consists of four Networks, each Network contains specific nodes. When Source sends the file initially it comes to the Network1 and passes through the Network1 nodes, if any congestion found in the Network1 node, it automatically selects another node amove to Network2 and Network 3 and Network4 and reaches the destination. The energy size also be modified, view the Network details. In router the routing path and time delay can be viewed.

**Router Manager:** In this module, Router manager views the attacker details by checking the energy details and find attackers.

**Destination:** In this module, Receiver request for file name and secret key and receives the content from the router. Time delay will be calculated by sending the file from source to destination and time taken to reach the destination.

**Attacker:** In this module, attacker selects the Network and node, gets the original energy size and modifies the energy size for the node.

## **B) Methodology**

**Node detection:** Failure of a node would have an impact on the routing packets. Hence, such type of nodes should be detected and isolated to avoid network partitioning, which in turn affect the survival of the network. The failed node can typically be detected using routing protocols.

**Node isolation:** The cases have been described for node isolation by considering the following scenarios,

**Effect of failed and selfish node:** If the node  $n_3$  is a failed node and if a node  $s$  starts a route discovery process to node  $d$ , the failed node  $n_3$  cannot forward the packets received from the downstream nodes. If neighbors of node  $s$  are failed, then  $s$  would be unable to communicate with other nodes. Hence, the node  $s$  is said to be isolated by all its neighbors. If the node  $n_3$  is taken as a selfish node as shown in figure 2, when node  $s$  starts a route discovery process to node  $d$ , the selfish node  $n_3$  may be reluctant to forward the request from  $s$ . In this case,  $n_3$  behaves like a failed node. The node  $n_3$  may discard data packets and forwards only control packets which are forwarded to it. Thus, the communication [10] between  $s$  and  $d$  would not be ensured. If the neighbors of  $s$  are selfish,  $s$  would not be capable of communicating with other nodes, which are at one hop distance. Although the selfish nodes can still communicate with the remaining nodes, it is distinguished from the failed node.

## **C) Algorithms**

*Algorithm 1: Key generation.*

1. Begin
2. Generate Random Number (nonce)  $k$ .
3. Form Private Key  $d$ .
4. Compute  $e = \text{HASH}(m)$ , // HASH is cryptographic hash function.
5. Let  $z$  be the  $L_n$  leftmost bits of  $e$ , where  $L_n$  is the bit length of the group order  $n$ .
6. Choose a Cryptographically Secure Random (CSR) integer  $k$  from  $[1, n-1]$ .
7. Compute the curve point  $(x, y) = k \times G$ .

8. Compute  $r = x \bmod n$  If  $r=0$ , go back to step 3.
9. Compute  $s = k^{-1}(z = rdA) \bmod n$ . If  $s=0$ , go to step Select CSR.
10. signature is the pair  $(r,s)$ .
11. Finally, form a Public Key  $Q(x, y)$
12. End

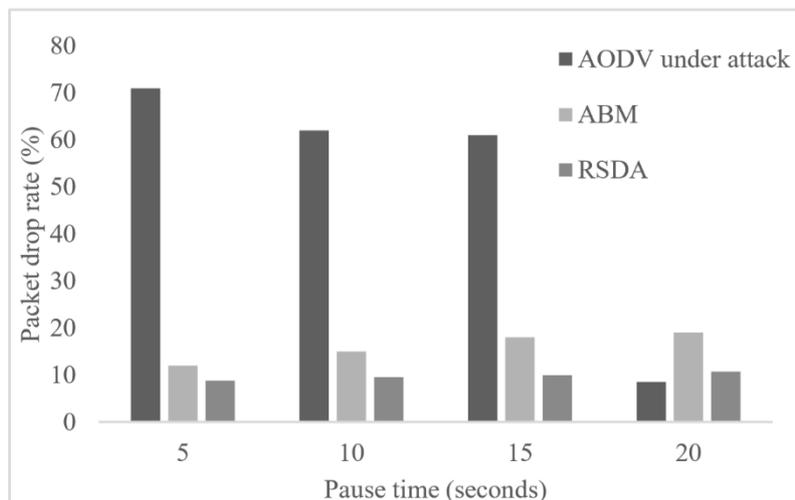
*Algorithm 2: Signature verification*

1. Begin
2. Created message can be sent  $Y$  for verification using authenticator's public key
3. The message digest is intended with the public key  $q(x, y)$
4. Digital signature elements  $r$  and  $s$
5. Check that  $Qx$  is not equal to the identity element  $O$ , and its coordinates are otherwise valid
6.  $Y$  to authenticate  $X$  signature
7. Check that  $Qx$  lies on the curve
8.  $X$  can verify  $Qx$  is a valid curve point for successfully sending
9. All verification elements with domain Parameters  $(p, n, a, b, x, y)$
10. Check that  $n \times Qx = O$
11. Consecutive secure Public key with different curve points
12. End

#### 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this section, we provide the proposed scheme comparative analysis results. The simulation has been conducted to validate the detection and isolation of the proposed scheme against gray hole nodes.

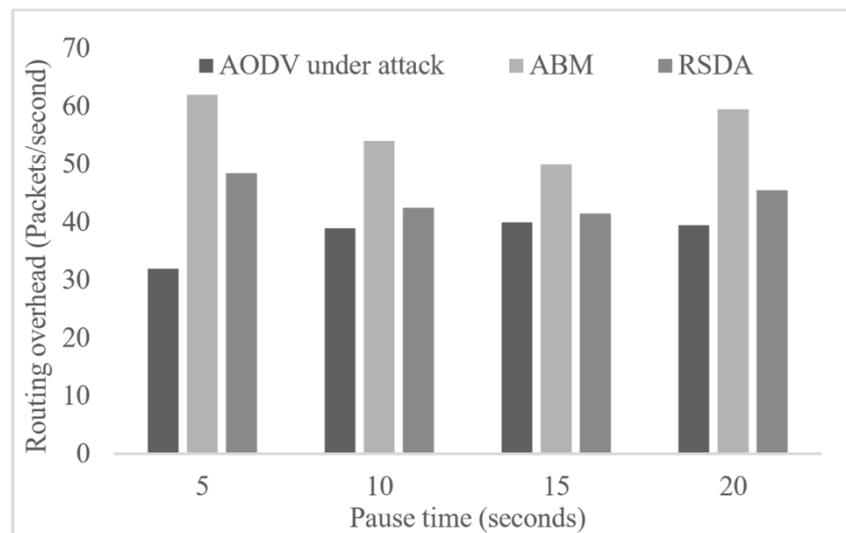
**Packet Drop Rate:**



**Fig. 2. Packet drop rate vs. pause time**

The drop rate was raised to about 63.9% when there were gray hole nodes randomly fixed at various positions at all pause time as 5, 10, 15, 20 seconds respectively. In the presence of gray hole nodes, the total packet drops rate of ABM achieved was 16.7%. With the deployment of proposed RSDA, the drop rate successfully reduced to about 9.56% rate, as shown in figure 2. The packet drop rate is shown to decrease significantly when more misbehaving nodes make abnormal routing operations. This effect is particularly severe to the network with more number of nodes.

***Routing Overhead:***



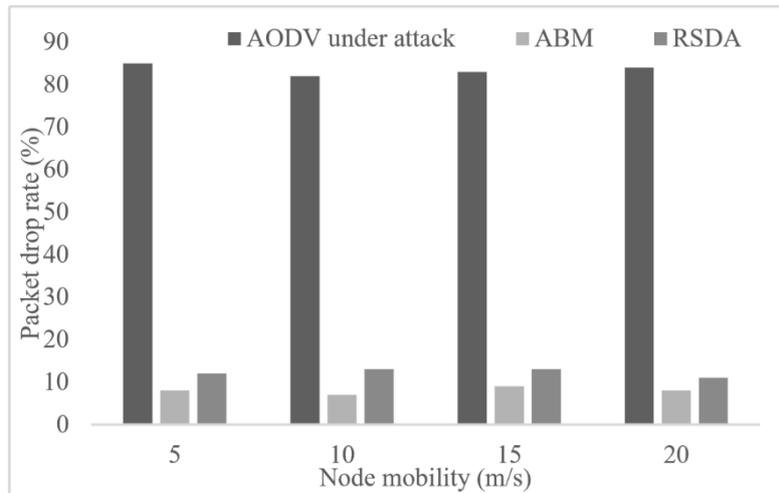
**Fig. 3. Routing overhead vs. pause time**

The routing overhead was raised to about 77.84% when there are gray hole nodes were randomly fixed at various positions at all pause time as 5s, 10s, 15s, 20seconds respectively. In the presence of gray hole nodes, the routing overhead of ABM was 56.85%. With the deployment of proposed RSDA, the routing overhead was successfully reduced to about 45.49% rate, as shown in figure 3.

***Packet Drop Rate for Randomly Moved Gray Hole Nodes:***

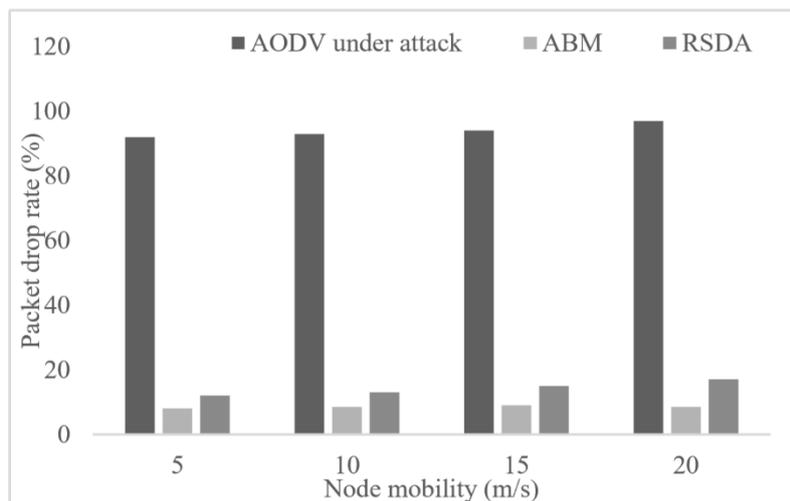
In addition to 60 normal nodes distributed, 1 or 2 gray hole nodes in network topology are considered separately. First, it was assumed that gray hole nodes are randomly moved. The

total packet drop rate of one gray hole node and two gray hole nodes are as shown in Figures 4 and 5 respectively.



**Fig. 4. One gray hole nodes for node mobility vs. packet drop rate**

In the absence of gray hole nodes, the total packet drop rate for all mobility speed by AODV is about 7.93% with all nodes randomly moved. The drop rate raises to about 86.75% when there is one gray hole node randomly fixed at various positions. With the deployment of proposed RSDA, the drop rate can successfully reduce by about 12.63%. In the absence of two gray hole nodes, the total packet drop rate for all mobility speed by AODV is about 8.6% with all nodes randomly moved.



**Fig. 5. Two gray holes nodes for node mobility vs. packet drop rate**

The drop rate is raised to about 94.89% when there are two grey hole nodes randomly fixed at various positions. With the deployment of the proposed RSDA, the drop rate can successfully have reduced by about 14.5%. An interesting observation is that the proposed method shortens the packet drop rate significantly, especially for the scalable network. In fact, the

decrease in packet drop rate is since it achieves the significant security level with less key size.

## **5. CONCLUSION**

Resistive to Selective Drop Attack (RSDA) attempts to provide an effective security for selective drop attack. It is important that the illegitimate nodes should be identified which overload a host and isolate them from the network by holding its transmission process. In selective drop attack, the neighboring nodes will not loyally forward their messages to the next node. However, a malicious node which has been entered itself in the data flow path can deny specific forwarding messages. The malicious nodes have to be detected, which is overloading a host and entirely stop it from working. Thus, the node which denies forwarding certain messages, but sending other messages acted unpredictably. In selective drop attack, the malicious nodes would be refusing of forwarding messages passing through them. At last the attack can potentially drop the throughput of a host to the minimum level. Security in a WANET environment requires a precise point of view, from which security can be provided by mitigating the protection against various types of attacks.

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